SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT

9-35. Issuance of Administrative Orders Under 1423(c)

1. **AUTHORITY.** Pursuant to section 1423(c) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, the authority to:

- a. Conduct hearings and perform related duties following issuance of proposed administrative orders;
- b. Issue subpoenas;
- c. Negotiate consent agreements between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and respondents;
- d. Sign consent agreements between the agency and respondents;

2. TO WHOM DELEGATED.

- a. Authorities l.a. and 1.b. are delegated to the regional counsel.
- b. Authorities l.c. and l.d. are delegated to the director, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division.

3. LIMITATIONS.

- a. These authorities may be exercised only for those cases initiated by Region 8.
- b. Authority 1.a. may be exercised only by a delegated official identified as the presiding officer under the UIC program.
- c. Any official exercising authority 1.b. (other than a delegatee of the regional counsel) and any official exercising authority 1.d. shall obtain prior concurrence from the regional counsel or designee.

4. REDELEGATION AUTHORITY.

- a. Authorities l.a. and 1.b. may be redelegated only to a delegated official identified as the presiding officer under the UIC program.
- b. Authority l.c. may be redelegated to the staff level.
- c. Authority 1.d. may redelegated to the branch chief level, or equivalent but no further.
- d. An official who redelegates authority 1.c. or 1.d. retains the right to exercise or withdraw the authority. Redelegated authority may be exercised by any official in the chain of command down to the official to whom it has been specifically redelegated.

5. ADDITIONAL REFERENCES.

- a. Section 1423(c)(3)(A) and (B), SDWA.
- b. Section 1423(c)(7) and (8), SDWA.

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c. 40 C.F.R. Parts 144, 146, and 147.

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Date